

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The United States Merchant Marines' dedication to service have made them a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, The Merchant Marines have devoted many years to the service of this state and country; and,

Whereas, The Merchant Marines' loyalty and leadership have made them a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, The United States Merchant Marines continue to give of themselves; and,

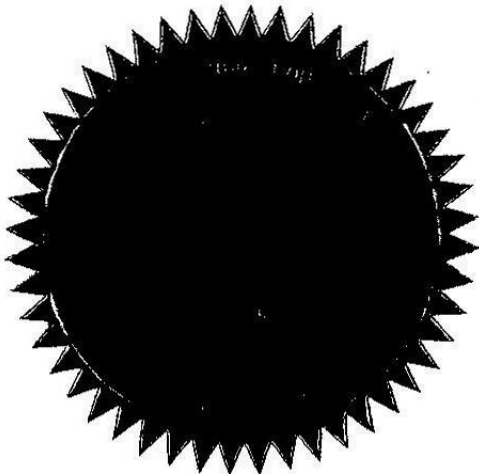
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend the United States Merchant Marines for years of dedicated service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2003, as

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINES DAY

in South Dakota, and I ask all citizens to join me in thanking them for their service to the state of South Dakota and the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State